

Regular Meeting of  
Lake Preston City Council  
Wednesday March, 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

A regular meeting of the Lake Preston City Council was held at the City Hall on Wednesday March, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm. Present were: Mayor Andy Wienk, John McMasters, Donna Bumann, Jodi Hope, Kristen Longville, Brian Verhey. Teleconference: Brett Anderson from the school board. Also, present Brenda Klug, Brian Zeeck, Doug Bumann, Rick Olson, Cedric Hay from Banner Associates.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wienk at 5:32 pm.

Called Brett Anderson.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Longville recess the regular meeting and meet as review board of equalization to hear and act on appeals made by property owners and to review the assessment book. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Verhey, seconded by Longville to approve suggested structure value change from \$41,046 to \$33,365 on parcel #6795. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by McMasters to approve suggested structure value change from \$22,865 to \$18,297 on parcel #6446. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Longville to approve whole value book with the two structure changes. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk stated that next year's equalization meeting will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, school board will need to be in attendance.

Motion by Verhey, seconded by McMasters to adjourn as the board of equalization at 5:36. All in favor, motion carried.

No public comments.

Wienk read aloud the bids from Phase 2: Rounds Construction-\$4,112,682.19; H & W Contracting- \$4,782,862.35; Halme Inc.- \$4,465,864.25; Winter Contracting- \$4,456,147.50. Motion by Longville, seconded by Verhey to award Phase 2 water and wastewater project to Rounds Construction for \$4,112,682.19. All in favor, motion carried.

Hay stated that Rounds plans to start the last week in April, first week in May. They plan to start on Park Ave S and 4<sup>th</sup> street S, east down 4<sup>th</sup>; also plan to do Manor Ave between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> street. Their schedule also states they will be starting on Spring Ave S of HWY 14 the middle of May. Rounds has an aggressive plan to get 8 blocks complete this 2023 season, but weather pending hoping to get all 10 blocks done. Phase 2 public meeting is set for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the community room, Rounds will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

Hay explained the new plat for the SE Addition property. Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to approve resolution 106-23. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk stated that Gevo has decided to do their own treatment facility, as they did not know the info that Banner was looking for. However, they do wish to use our lagoons for normal wastewater. Zeeck added that a lift station will be needed, then we could meter the waste. April 15<sup>th</sup>

Hay gave an update on Phase 1, Halme does plan to be in town the next few days. Accessing the gravel roads that need attention as the frost is coming out of the ground. Halme will soon be providing a schedule to Banner, hard to schedule not knowing the weather. Hay stated that this summer himself, Landon, and an Intern will be in town on an everyday basis. Longville inquired about trees on Lake Ave N, Hay stated that the trees coming out are either close to the water connections. If ¼ of the root ball gets damaged, the likely hood of the tree living is low; and could be dangerous in the future. Briefly discussed when the tree removal project will begin.

Wienk explained the current status on both of Mel Ness properties, a few residents are interested in both properties. Delzer wanted to know what the council would like to do as far as letting these residents start the process or wait for the tax process. Council decided to get all bills ready for Delzer to submit to the county.

Motion by Longville, seconded by Verhey to hire Jack Hasche as needed for snow removal at \$125/hour. All in favor, motion carried.

Klug explained both flower quotes, after talking with Tanya Flegel- our flowers last year didn't get large till July due to them being smaller plants. Poinsett Gardens would have larger more progressed flowers. Council discussed the option of getting half from Jessers Greenhouse and half from Poinsett Gardens. Motion by Bumann, seconded by McMasters to approve quote from Jessers Greenhouse for 18- 6 packs for \$210.60 and 6-4 packs for the planters by the café for \$18. All in favor, motion carried.

Wienk explained that several entities in the community met to discuss a promotional pamphlet and video. This would give visitors and future Gevo workers the ability to see what our community has to offer. Bumann included that Development board has been in contact with Andy Carlson; they would consider letting them use clips from the Gevo video. Klug stated that there is \$1,260 left in the in promoting the city line item. Motion by Longville, seconded by McMasters to approve the city spending \$200 on the promotional project. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bumann, seconded by Hope to approve purchasing a heater from Aron's Electric for the saferoom. All in favor, motion carried.

Council discussed the need for more AEDs throughout the community, one in the park with campers this summer would be a good idea. Council asked Zeeck for pricing quotes for the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jerry Brown easement would be discussed in executive.

Klug inquired if April 11<sup>th</sup> worked for the regular meeting in April, plans to have boulevard trees/Tanya Flegel on that agenda hopefully. Klug reminded Wienk of the water tower funding meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Council welcomed John McMasters back.

Motion by McMasters, seconded by Longville to go into executive session at 6:25 pm for legal. All in favor, motion carried.

Council came out of executive session at 6:59 pm.

Mayor Andy Wienk declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Brenda Klug, Finance Officer

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Andy Wienk, Mayor

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